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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of)
Yu-Chen Jou) For: Configuration of Overhead
Serial No. 09/298/798) Channels in a Mixed System
Filed: April 23, 1999) Group Art Unit: 2662

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Attention: David E. Odland, Examiner

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Dear Sir:

In response to the final office action mailed October 1, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below. A Request for Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) is filed concurrently with this preliminary amendment.

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